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In re Application of:	
Fabienne SOUBRIER	Group Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 10/684,830	Examiner: N. Vogel
Filed: October 15, 2003	Confirmation No.: 1270
For: CIRCULAR DNA MOLECULE HAVING A CONDITIONAL ORIGIN OF REPLICATION, PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE IN GENE THERAPY	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant filed the above-identified application on October 15, 2003, and Applicant has not yet received an Office Action on the merits for this application.

In view of these circumstances, Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office advise the undersigned of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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